(b) The salient features of the Scheme to arrest the deterioration of navigable depths in the shipping channel were construction of guide walls, bank protection works in the river Hooghly and capital dredging river Hooghly and capital dredging over Balari bar etc.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Scheme was sanctioned on 13.8.1982 at an estimated cost of Rs. 4200 lakhs. Besides the provision for the items indicated above the project provided for acquisition of a Tug, navigationol aids and instrumentation etc.

(e) The project was completed in June, 1992 at a revised cost of Rs. 4652 lakhs. The improved droughts as originally envisaged have not been achieved. Government also sanctioned the project of recessional dredging over Jiggerkhali flat in the Balari Bar at an estimated cost of Rs. 4329 lakhs in April, 1990.

(f) and (g) Yes, Sir. The reason for non execution of the project is due to non performance by the foreign contractor, Messrs. Zanen Verestoep, consequently leading to termination of the contract by the Calcutta Port Trust.

(h) and (i) Yes, Sir. Calcutta Port Trust has paid Rs. 23.50 crores to the contractor. The project could not be executed due to non performance of the contractor.

Allocation of Funds for the maintenance of National Tighways in Rajasthan

305. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the works of National Highways in the State of Rajasthan which have been suspended due to paucity of funds as against the total demand of Rs. 52 23 crores, only Rs. 24.00 crores have so for been provided to the State Government;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the funds provided for maintenance and repair are inadequate to keep up the maintenance of NHs to required standards as a sum of Rs. 973.77 lacs have so far been provided against the total demand of Rs. 2421.77 lacs under Maintenance Grant for Rajasthan State;

(c) whether Government propose to provide additional funds for original works and repair works of NHs in the State of Rajasthan without any further delay during 1994-95; and

(d) if so, the likely amount and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The funds allocated to Rajasthan for development of National Highways (Normal and Externally aided) for the current year 1994-95 is Rs. 41.00 crores. The funds released for Maintenance and Repairs so far are Rs. 6.59 crores. It is true that actual allotment of funds has not been commensurate with the projected requirement due to overall constraints of funds. However, no report regarding suspension of works due to scarcity of funds has been received from the State PWD.

(c) and (d) It is difficult to indicate the allocation of additional funds as it shall depend upon the final allotment at Revised Estimate stage.

Berthing of ore carrier M. V.2C. Transport of Goa

306. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for berthing of Ore Carrier M.V.C. Transport of Goa coast in rocks;